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OF HIV-1

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph under **"CROSS REFERENCE TO  
RELATED APPLICATION"** to read as follows:

The present application is a continuation application  
of Serial Number 08/477,464 filed on June 7, 1995 which is a  
continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/388,353 filed  
on February 14, 1995.

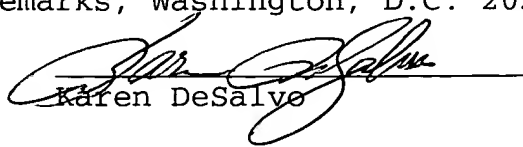
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